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In re Reissue Application for
U.S. Patent 5,815,293

: **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**
: **RESPONSE UNDER 37CFR 1.116**

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For: COMPOUND OBJECTIVE LENS FOR OPTICAL DISKS HAVING DIFFERENT THICKNESSES

**SUBMISSION WITH AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further to the Notice of Appeal filed October 22, 2002, and in accordance with a Petition under 37 CFR 1.136 for a one month Extension of time to file applicants' Brief on Appeal for ONE month, up to and including January 22, 2003, and in accordance with a Request for Continued Examination filed herewith under 37 CFR 1.114, the present submission requests amendment of the above identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 86-87, 89-91, 94-112, 114, 116-121, 124-125, 127 and 129-130.

Please rewrite the remaining claims as follows.

1 88 (Amended). An optical disk apparatus according to claim 159,

2 wherein

3 the optical head apparatus is configured, through the compound

4 objective lens, to read an information signal, a focus error signal and a tracking

5 error signal from the optical disk rotated by the rotating apparatus;